



H.Res. 852 – Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 852 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ted Poe (R - TX) on December 6, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.Res. 852 is expected to be considered on the floor on January 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 852 resolves that in the United States House of Representatives:

It is the sense of Congress that--

- (1) National Stalking Awareness Month provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about stalking;
- (2) all Americans should applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, police, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking; and
- (3) policymakers, criminal justice officials, victim service and human service agencies, nonprofits, and others should recognize the need to increase awareness of stalking and the availability of services for stalking victims; and

Furthermore, the resolution states that Congress urges national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media to promote awareness of the crime of stalking through National Stalking Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

It is estimated that 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States. In the majority of these cases, the person being stalked and the stalker are acquaintances.

81 percent of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner, and 76 percent of women who are killed by an intimate partner were also stalked by that intimate partner.

Stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States and the District of Columbia.

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